



Maricopa County
Ryan White Part A Program
Policy and Procedures

Oral Health Services

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PURPOSE:

To guide the administration of Ryan White Part A Program's Oral Health Care Services (a core service under the Act). The administration of funds must be consistent with Subpart I client eligibility criteria and the service category definitions established by the Ryan White Part A Program Planning Council.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 defines core medical services (including for co-occurring conditions) as including: outpatient and ambulatory health services; medications; pharmaceutical assistance; oral health care; early intervention services; health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance for low-income individuals; home health care; medical nutrition therapy; hospice services; home and community based health services; mental health services; substance abuse outpatient care; and medical case management, including treatment adherence services.

POLICIES:

- Care for persons with HIV disease should reflect competence and experience in the care and therapeutics known to be effective in the management of dental conditions of persons with HIV infection. Dental providers should educate patients to increase their awareness that good dental health is crucial to overall health.
- All communications made on behalf of the client are to be documented in the client chart and must include a date, time, person(s) spoken with and a brief summary of what was communicated in adherence with the client charting definition.
- All activities performed must be directly related to the HIV-related clinical status of an eligible client and documented appropriately in the client chart.
- Appropriate client authorized releases of information must be on file to allow for the proper inter-provider communications needed to increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes related to the HIV-related clinical status of an eligible client.
- All fee- for- service reimbursements made under this service are limited to the current Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) reimbursement rates, as applicable, or a reasonable rate approved by the Administrative Agency. Contractors with direct cost reimbursement contracts will be reimbursed for actual/allowable costs incurred during the contract period.



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- Specific clinical outcomes (as defined by the Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Office) need to be measured and reported for this service.
- Funds may not be used for cosmetic services/purposes.
- All direct service providers must meet the service category's Standards of Care as defined by the Ryan White Part A Planning Council.

DEFINITION:

Oral Health services:

Oral Health Care includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers.

Client Charting:

All paper chart documents must be original documentation and contain original dates and signatures of contract budgeted staff providing services i.e. assessments, treatment plans and progress notes. All Electronic Medical Records must include authenticated, dated electronic signatures. The AA will only review documentation that is authenticated original documentation, and will not accept copies of assessments, treatment plans and progress notes as acceptable documentation of services provided. Any records that do not include authenticated signatures of budgeted contract staff providing services will be considered unallowable units, and will not be reimbursed.

CLIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for oral health services, a client must meet all of the standard eligibility criteria as defined in Section 3 Client Eligibility. For the Federal Poverty Limits for this service category, see Appendix – Menu of Services.

ELIGIBLE COSTS AND SERVICES:

Dental Insurance:

- Provide dental insurance coverage to eligible clients.
1 unit = 1 month premium